

I am writing regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I believe this to be a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Media consolidation is an issue that has become an increasing concern for me.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and as a result is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for a free and open society. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.